

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 69 at page 18 as follows:

-- Sales history for the various warehouses is collected by the Sales History source 91 and communicated to the Diversion Control Table 95. Current inventory information is collected by the Inventory Information source 92 and warehouse back-order information is collected by the Back Order source 93. Data from these sources are also fed to the Diversion Control Table 95. In the preferred embodiment, after collecting all the data it has received, the Diversion Control Table 95 processes it into a format that [[that]] can be communicated to the ETA Divert Plan server 94.--

Please amend paragraph 96 at page 26 as follows:

--Each warehouse is designated numerical values as shown in the warehouse ("W/H") column 80. The corresponding current inventory count for each warehouse is tabulated in the INVENTORY column 81. Identified in the INTRANSIT column 82 is the number of units in-transit to the warehouses 80. In the BACK ORDER column 83 the number of units on back-order is identified. Thus, for example, warehouse 22 (in W/H column 80) does not have product number "6378A00[[2]]3BA" currently in stock, as indicated by its corresponding INVENTORY column 81. Warehouse 22 is expected to receive a relatively large shipment of that product, 432 units to be exact, as indicated in INTRANSIT column 82. Warehouse 22 also has a back-order on that particular product of 33 units.--

Please amend paragraph 99 at page 27 as follows:

--Another category, designated as section 70a, shows in delivery order ("DO #") column 70 that there are five delivery orders to ship the product to warehouse 22. In particular there are five containers identified in Container number column 75, each holding

72 units, as shown in QTY column 72. As shown in QTY Allocated column 74, one container, identified as "NYKU6057975", has 33 of its 72 units allocated to that warehouse. This coincides with the back-order of the product on warehouse 22, discussed above with reference to the BACK ORDER column 83 in FIG. 7A. This allows an operator (or server controlling allocation automatically) to prioritize which shipments should be allocated or diverted first. The ETA dates to the warehouse are identified in ETAWHDATE column 73. Container "NYKU6057975" has been identified as having the earliest arrival date to warehouse 22 and [[has]] thus units from that container have been allocated first.--

Please amend paragraph 101 at pages 27-28 as follows:

--FIG. 7C is an exemplary Web page for showing information about potential in-transit container diversion scenarios for a particular product. After a particular product is entered into the Product Number field 701, the operator selects the Inquiry button 703 to view the information. VESSEL # 700 shows all the vessels currently carrying the product. The quantity ("QTY") column 702 shows how many units of the product each vessel is carrying. The # OF CONTAINERS column 704 shows how many different containers of that product the vessel is carrying. DUE DATE column 706 shows the date by which an allocation must be completed by the operator. This date provides carriers and shippers some time to either repackage the containers or prepare for transport trucks to pick up the goods at the port. Accordingly, in this case, an operator can divert a product shipment only before "11/15".--